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SUBJECT: VISIT TO INDIA BY AMBASSADOR MARSHALL GREEN

FOR AMBASSADOR SAXBE FROM ATHERTON

1. YOU WILL SHORTLY BE RECEIVING A CIRCULAR SPELLING OUT THE PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR A SWING THROUGH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING INDIA, BY AMBASSADOR MARSHALL GREEN, THE DEPARTMENT'S COORDINATOR FOR POPULATION AFFAIRS. IN TERMS OF AMBASSADOR GREEN'S RESPONSIBILITIES, A THOROUGH FAMILIARITY WITH INDIA'S POPULATION PROBLEMS AND PROGRAMS IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, GIVEN THE IMPACT INDIA HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE ON GLOBAL POPULATION ISSUES.

2. AMBASSADOR GREEN IS FULLY AWARE OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND OF INDIAN SENSITIVITIES ABOUT PREVIOUS AID INVOLVEMENT IN THE GOI FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM. HE WOULD KEEP HIS VISIT IN A VERY LOW KEY, DOES
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NOT NEED TO SEE HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS, AND WOULD BE GUIDED

ENTIRELY BY YOUR ADVICE AND COUNSEL IF YOU AGREE THAT HE
SHOULD PROCEED ACCORDING TO HIS PRESENT PLANS, WHICH WILL
HAVE HIM VISITING INDIA FROM FEB. 13 TO FEB. 21. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS, IF POSSIBLE
BEFORE JANUARY 18 WHEN AMBASSADOR GREEN COMMENCES HIS TRIP.

IF YOU CONCUR IN THE AMBASSADOR'S VISITING INDIA, WE OF
COURSE RETAIN THE OPTION TO CHANGE PLANS LATER SHOULD THE
ATMOSPHERE FURTHER WORSEN. KISSINGER

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